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SUBJECT: GAO SURVEY: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS

REF: A) BANGKOK 27654, B) STATE 148360

1. DEPARTMENT AWARE THAT GAO SURVEY WILL BE REVIEWING
SUBJECT OF STANTON PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WELL AS USG
AGENCIES WHICH CONDUCT PROGRAMS INVOLVING EXCHANGE OF
PERSONS. SURVEY WILL SEEK INFORMATION ON PRIVATELY
SPONSORED EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND WILL ALSO INCLUDE SUCH
AREAS AS:

(A) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IN-COUNTRY COORDINATION OF THE
VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATELY CONDUCTED EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS;

(B) THE USIS ROLE IN ADMINISTERING STATE DEPARTMENT'S
CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OVERSEAS;

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(C) POLICY COORDINATION AND DIRECTION, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, FOLLOW-UP AND PARTICIPANT EVALUATION.

2. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH GAO IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934 AND 2 FAM 137. GAO AWARE THAT CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF OFFICIAL USG COMMUNITY ARE AT DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR AND TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ALSO BEING ASKED FOR VIEWS ON STANTON PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS. OFFICERS HERE AND IN EMBASSY ABROAD SHOULD FEEL FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS SO LONG AS THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS PERSONAL VIEWS OF OFFICER BEING INTERVIEWED.

4. THE CONAHAN LETTER SERVED TO INFORM US OF GAO'S INTENTION TO MAKE THE DESCRIBED SURVEY, AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A REPLY. DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE CONTAINED IN REF B. ROBINSON

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